

Council Agenda Coversheet



Agenda Item Number	7.b.	Council Date	11/05/2019
Agenda Item Type	Boards and Commissions		
Subject	Complaint Against a Public Official		
Ordinance/Reso #		Contract #	
Project #		Permit #	
Department	City Manager		

Consent Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance/Reso	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Mtg / Hrg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quasi-Judicial	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recommendation

N/A

Motion for Consideration

N/A

Summary

The City of Kennewick received two phone call complaints on Oct 15th regarding a council member. The complaints were from a current and previous property owner regarding contact that Councilmember Trumbo made to both of them inquiring about a recent purchase/sale of a residential home. The complainant was concerned that Councilmember Trumbo had identified himself as a councilmember and then proceeded to ask questions regarding a recent purchase. The complainant was trying to understand what the connection was between his position as City Councilmember and his questions. The subject of his questions were described as being related to:

- o Recent purchase of a home
- o Previous owners divorce
- o Mechanics lien against the home that was recently purchased
- o Potential work previously done to the property
- o Assessed value of the home

The complainant felt like the contact was made under false pretenses of being a Councilmember, allowing him to ask questions in his capacity as a Councilmember, yet the questions had nothing to do with the City. Out of respect for Councilmember Trumbo, Mayor Britain was asked if an executive session could be held on October 15th to receive and evaluate complaints against a public officer. During the executive session, Councilmember Trumbo requested that this be discussed in an open public meeting on November 5th.

Alternatives

N/A

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Through

Dept Head Approval

City Mgr Approval

Marie Mosley
Nov 01, 13:12:00 GMT-0700 2019

Attachments:

☐ Recording
Required?